c) whether Government have taken any fresh steps to avoid damage to aircraft due to bird hits; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines has suffered a loss of Rs. 7.50 crores due to bird hits during the last six months.

(c) and (d) The recommendations made by the Bombay Natural History Society to prevent bird hits are being implemented. Aircraft Rules have been amended to make penal provisions more stringent against activities in the airport environment which attract birds.

Compensation to Bhopal gas victims

851. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem captioned 'Genuine claims of victims ignored" as reported in the Indian Express of the 25th July, 1990;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to allow claims of the genuine victims of Bhopal gas disaster; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Government have seen the News item in question.

(b) and (c) All the claims filed by the victims for compensation will be considered in terms of the provisions of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster (Registration and Processing of Claims) Scheme, 1985.

Power position in the Capital

852. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether power position in the Capital was badly affected during the months of June and July this year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the citizens of Delhi had to remain without power for more than 20 hours in a day in most of the localities;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action the Central Government propose to take against the DESU authorities for their failure in supplying power to the Delhi citizens during hot summer months?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) The power supply position in Delhi during June and July, 1990 was substantially better than in the corresponding period last year. It is not correct to say that in most of the localities citizens had to generally remain without power for long hours. The power supply to some localities was affected due to breakdown of HT supply, transformers, snapping of the conductors, fault in the cables, over-loading of the system etc. Keeping in view the extent of DESU's network, such dislocations in the power supply are unavoidable, particularly during the summer season due to the excess load. DESU, however, makes every possible effort to keep the extent of dislocation in the power supply to the minimum possible by carrying out extensive preventive maintenance and quick deployment of the breakdowns gangs for restoration of the supply in the event of a breakdown in the supply of power to any locality.

इंडियन ग्रायल लिमिटेड के बाटलिंग संयंत्रों के एल०पी०जी० सिलिंडरों की ढुलाई के लिये समान भाड़ा प्रभार

853. डा० ग्रबरार ग्रहमद खान : क्या पेट्रोलियम ग्रौर रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इंडियन ग्रायल लिमिटेड के एल०पी०जी० बाटलिंग संयंत्र कहां-कहां स्थित हैं ;